

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Patti Harrington  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: February 6, 2009

INFORMATION: Curriculum and Instruction Section Mission and Duties

**Background:** The Curriculum and Instruction Section of the Utah State Office of Education provides leadership in advancing the achievement and lifelong learning of all Utah students by:

1. Maintaining and implementing comprehensive Core Curricula.
2. Providing leadership in research-based instructional practices.
3. Designing and delivering effective professional development.
4. Communicating and collaborating with all stakeholders.
5. Supporting compliance with statutes and rules.

**Proposal:** Staff will provide an overview of the Curriculum and Instruction Section's responsibilities, duties, current programs, and initiatives for the Committee.

**Anticipated Action:** It is recommended that the Curriculum and Instruction receive the report on the Curriculum and Instruction Section.

The Committee will have a greater understanding of the role and duties of the section, as well as an overview of current initiatives and programs resulting in support for Utah schools, parents, and higher education.

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